

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 189
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Gene Carlisle upon his induction into the Society of Entrepreneurs.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary entrepreneurial efforts, have distinguished themselves as successful business professionals and benevolent community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Gene Carlisle, who will be inducted into the Society of Entrepreneurs on April 16, 2005 in recognition of his entrepreneurial success, hard work, and community service; and

WHEREAS, the Society of Entrepreneurs was founded in 1991 to foster the development of the entrepreneurial spirit and to recognize the contributions of entrepreneurs to business and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Society of Entrepreneurs' mission is to promote the general welfare of the community, to further the public good, and to further education in Tennessee through the creation, development, and implementation of various community programs which recognize and encourage the efforts of entrepreneurs in business and local, national, and international communities; and

WHEREAS, choosing only four new members in 2005, the Society of Entrepreneurs selects mature business leaders who have exhibited personal business achievement, self-direction, leadership, personal integrity, determination, creativity, and the ability to transform a vision into a dynamic business achievement; and

WHEREAS, founder and sole shareholder of Carlisle Corporation, Gene Carlisle owns and operates ninety-five Wendy's restaurants throughout Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, and North Carolina, employing more than 3,000 people and topping \$140 million in sales; and

WHEREAS, the Carlisle Corporation, founded in the early 1980's, is the parent holding company for its successful subsidiaries: Carlisle Properties, Carlisle Hotels, Inc., Carlisle Median, Wenstar and Wendelta, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Gene Carlisle has received many awards for his entrepreneurial creativity and expertise, including the 2004 Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award for the Southeast Region and the 2004 Wendy's International Founders Award, and he was inducted into the Mississippi Business Hall of Fame in 2002; and

WHEREAS, evincing his deep commitment to community service, Mr. Carlisle serves as a board member of the University of Southern Mississippi, and he is past Chairman of the University of Southern Mississippi College of Business Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of any true Tennessean, Mr. Carlisle is both a consummate professional and a model public servant who generously shares his many talents with his community; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Gene Carlisle for his remarkable accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Gene Carlisle for his entrepreneurial creativity and success, congratulate him upon his induction into the Society of Entrepreneurs, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.